

MOTION UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 2255 TO VACATE, SET ASIDE, OR CORRECT  
SENTENCE BY A PERSON IN FEDERAL CUSTODY

<b>United States District Court</b>	District
Name <i>(under which you were convicted)</i> :	Docket or Case No.:
Place of Confinement:	Prisoner No.:
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	Movant <i>(include name under which convicted)</i>
V.	

**MOTION**

1. (a) Name and location of court which entered the judgment of conviction you are challenging: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 (b) Criminal docket or case number (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_
2. (a) Date of the judgment of conviction (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) Date of sentencing: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Length of sentence: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Nature of crime (all counts): \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. (a) What was your plea? (Check one)  
 (1) Not guilty ☐                      (2) Guilty ☐                      (3) Nolo contendere (no contest) ☐
- (b) If you entered a guilty plea to one count or indictment, and a not guilty plea to another count or what did you plead guilty to and what did you plead not guilty to? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. If you went to trial, what kind of trial did you have? (Check one)                      Jury ☐                      Judge only ☐
7. Did you testify at a pretrial hearing, trial, or post-trial hearing?                      Yes ☐                      No ☐
8. Did you appeal from the judgment of conviction?                      Yes ☐                      No ☐

9. If you did appeal, answer the following:

(a) Name of court: \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Docket or case number (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Result: \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Date of result (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

(e) Citation to the case (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

(f) Grounds raised: \_\_\_\_\_

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(g) Did you file a petition for certiorari in the United States Supreme Court? Yes ☐ No ☐

If "Yes," answer the following:

(1) Docket or case number (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Result: \_\_\_\_\_

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(3) Date of result (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

(4) Citation to the case (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

(5) Grounds raised: \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Other than the direct appeals listed above, have you previously filed any other motions, petitions, or applications, concerning this judgment of conviction in any court?

Yes ☐ No ☐

11. If your answer to Question 10 was "Yes," give the following information:

(a) (1) Name of court: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Docket or case number (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Date of filing (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

(4) Nature of the proceeding: \_\_\_\_\_

(5) Grounds raised: \_\_\_\_\_

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(6) Did you receive a hearing where evidence was given on your motion, petition, or application?

Yes ☐ No ☐

(7) Result: \_\_\_\_\_

(8) Date of result (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

(b) If you filed any second motion, petition, or application, give the same information:

(1) Name of court: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Docket of case number (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Date of filing (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

(4) Nature of the proceeding: \_\_\_\_\_

(5) Grounds raised: \_\_\_\_\_

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(6) Did you receive a hearing where evidence was given on your motion, petition, or application?

Yes ☐ No ☐

(7) Result: \_\_\_\_\_

(8) Date of result (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Did you appeal to a federal appellate court having jurisdiction over the action taken on your motion, petition, or application?

(1) First petition: Yes ☐ No ☐

(2) Second petition: Yes ☐ No ☐

(d) If you did not appeal from the action on any motion, petition, or application, explain briefly why you did not:

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12. For this motion, state every ground on which you claim that you are being held in violation of the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States. Attach additional pages if you have more than four grounds. State the facts supporting each ground.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Name and location of the court where the appeal was filed:

Date of the court's decision:

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available):

(7) If your answer to Question (c)(4) or Question (c)(5) is “No,” explain why you did not appeal or raise this issue:

## GROUND TWO:

(a) Supporting facts (Do not argue or cite law. Just state the specific facts that support your claim.):

**(b) Direct Appeal of Ground Two:**

(1) If you appealed from the judgment of conviction, did you raise this issue?

Yes ☐

No ☐

(2) If you did not raise this issue in your direct appeal, explain why:

**(c) Post-Conviction Proceedings:**

(1) Did you raise this issue in any post-conviction motion, petition, or application?

Yes ☐

No ☐

(2) If you answer to Question (c)(1) is "Yes," state:

Type of motion or petition: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and location of the court where the motion or petition was filed: \_\_\_\_\_

Docket or case number (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of the court's decision: \_\_\_\_\_

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Did you receive a hearing on your motion, petition, or application?

Yes ☐

No ☐

(4) Did you appeal from the denial of your motion, petition, or application?

Yes ☐

No ☐

(5) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," did you raise the issue in the appeal?

Yes ☐

No ☐

(6) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," state:

Name and location of the court where the appeal was filed: \_\_\_\_\_

Docket or case number (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of the court's decision: \_\_\_\_\_

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): \_\_\_\_\_

(7) If your answer to Question (c)(4) or Question (c)(5) is "No," explain why you did not appeal or raise this issue: \_\_\_\_\_

**GROUND THREE:** \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Supporting facts (Do not argue or cite law. Just state the specific facts that support your claim.):

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15. Give the name and address, if known, of each attorney who represented you in the following stages of the  
you are challenging:
- (a) At the preliminary hearing: \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) At the arraignment and plea: \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) At the trial: \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) At sentencing: \_\_\_\_\_
- (e) On appeal: \_\_\_\_\_
- (f) In any post-conviction proceeding: \_\_\_\_\_
- (g) On appeal from any ruling against you in a post-conviction proceeding: \_\_\_\_\_
16. Were you sentenced on more than one court of an indictment, or on more than one indictment, in the same court  
and at the same time? Yes ☐ No ☐
17. Do you have any future sentence to serve after you complete the sentence for the judgment that you are  
challenging? Yes ☐ No ☐
- (a) If so, give name and location of court that imposed the other sentence you will serve in the future:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Give the date the other sentence was imposed: \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) Give the length of the other sentence: \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) Have you filed, or do you plan to file, any motion, petition, or application that challenges the judgment or  
sentence to be served in the future? Yes ☐ No ☐
18. TIMELINESS OF MOTION: If your judgment of conviction became final over one year ago, you must explain  
why the one-year statute of limitations as contained in 28 U.S.C. § 2255 does not bar your motion.\*  
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\* The Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 (“AEDPA”) as contained in 28 U.S.C. § 2255, paragraph 6, provides in part that:

A one-year period of limitation shall apply to a motion under this section. The limitation period shall run from the latest of –

- (1) the date on which the judgment of conviction became final;
- (2) the date on which the impediment to making a motion created by governmental action in violation of the Constitution or laws of the United States is removed, if the movant was prevented from making such a motion by such governmental action;
- (3) the date on which the right asserted was initially recognized by the Supreme Court, if that right has been newly recognized by the Supreme Court and made retroactively applicable to cases on collateral review; or
- (4) the date on which the facts supporting the claim or claims presented could have been discovered through the exercise of due diligence.



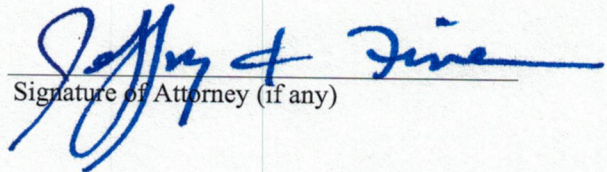
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Therefore, movant asks that the Court grant the following relief:

Order response from United States, order hearings on my trial counsel's effectiveness both as to competence and loyalty, vacate my plea to all counts and schedule for trial.

or any other relief to which movant may be entitled.

  
Signature of Attorney (if any)

I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this Motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 was placed in the prison mailing system on \_\_\_\_\_  
(month, date, year)

Executed (signed) on \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Movant

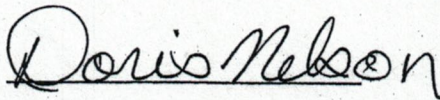
If the person signing is not movant, state relationship to movant and explain why movant is not signing this motion.

Movant is in private for profit facility in Alabama and services for notarization are scheduled only two times per month. A signature page with notarized signature will be forthcoming. Until that time, counsel for Movant has her permission to file in her absence.



I swear under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing statements are true and correct, made with personal knowledge except where otherwise stated, and are submitted in support of my petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2255, filed along with this Declaration.

DATED this 31 day of August, 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doris Nelson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "D" and a trailing "n".

DORIS NELSON

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_ day of August, 2017.